

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of Petition for)
Review of Regional Board Action)
by the County of Tulare)
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Order No. 71-29

The County of Tulare, by County Road Commissioner L. B. Auguston, submitted a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Order No. 71-326 and Order No. 71-327 of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, setting waste discharge requirements on the Visalia Solid Waste Disposal Site and the Orosi Solid Waste Disposal Site, respectively. The petition requests the State Board to review these actions of the regional board.

The State Water Resources Control Board finds:

1. Order No. 71-326 prescribed requirements for the Visalia Solid Waste Disposal Site, and Order No. 71-327 prescribed requirements for the Orosi Solid Waste Disposal Site. These orders were adopted on June 25, 1971.

2. The petition requests review of these orders for the following reasons:

A. Order No. 71-326

- (1) The limitation of the elevation of the discharge of Class II waste is unreasonable because groundwater elevations will not rise to previous high levels experienced in 1957.

- (2) The usable life of the Visalia disposal site will be limited if elevations required by the board are maintained.

B. Order No. 71-327

- (1) Class II solid waste should be allowed at the Orosi solid waste disposal site at least until burning at that site is discontinued.
- (2) Regardless of burning, the county contends that Class III solid waste should be allowed to be discharged to an elevation six feet above groundwater with Class II material above that elevation.

C. Modification of these disposal sites will unreasonably increase the costs for operation by the county.

3. The regional board considered the following evidence:

- A. The Visalia solid waste disposal site has experienced high water tables in the past. These levels were within 1.6 feet of the limits prescribed by the board.
- B. The effects of the flood control measures on Kaweah and Tule Rivers. Since construction of Terminus and Success Reservoirs and use of stored water for irrigation, the general trend of water levels has been upward.

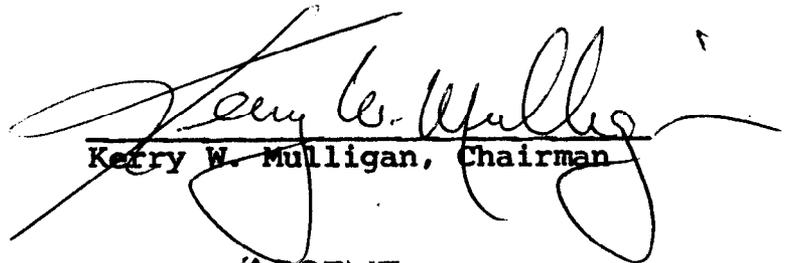
C. The Orosi solid waste disposal site is subject to flooding from Sand Creek.

4. The regional board actions in issuing Order No. 71-326 and Order No. 71-327 were appropriate and proper for the future protection of the quality of groundwater in the area.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the petition for review of the action of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, in adopting Orders Nos. 71-326 and 71-327 be denied.

Adopted as the order of the State Water Resources Control Board at a meeting duly called and held at Los Angeles, California.

Dated: September 16, 1971


Kerry W. Mulligan, Chairman

ABSENT

E. F. Dibble, Vice Chairman


Norman B. Hume, Member


Ronald B. Robie, Member


W. W. Adams, Member